Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Orville Van Vactor was born on March 15, 1915, on a farm near Scranton, North Dakota, and later moved with his family to Spearfish, South Dakota, where he has lived since that time, graduating from Spearfish High School in 1933; and,

Whereas, Edna Hepler was born on February 8, 1918, at Tulare, South Dakota, and moved with her family west to the Red Owl-Stoneville area, and graduated from Rapid City High School in 1937; and,

Whereas, Orville and Edna Van Vactor exchanged their wedding vows on April 22, 1939, at Rapid City, South Dakota, and to that union two children were born: Connie and Dennis, who have further blessed their lives with two grandchildren; and,

Whereas, The newlywed couple of 69 years ago has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

Whereas, Orville and Edna will celebrate their 69th wedding anniversary as well as their 93rd and 90th birthdays on Sunday, April 20, 2008, as family and friends gather to honor them and share in all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such milestones warrant:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 20, 2008, as

ORVILLE AND EDNA VAN VACTOR DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all their friends and relatives in extending birthday and anniversary greetings, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State